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Mrs. Houchin Very Low.

The people of Medicine Lodge received, with inexpressible regret, the news from St. Francis hospital the first of the week, that all hope for Mrs. A. M. Houchin's recovery had been abandoned. It is almost certain that by the time this paper reaches its readers she will have passed into the great and unknown Beyond. Last reports were that she was faintly alive and had lost all use of her faculties and muscular motion.

Mrs. Houchin has been sick several months and evinced an astonishing will power. There were times when her husband and friends were radiant with hope but it was short-lived and despair followed regularly in its wake.

This is a most sorrowful message to Mr. and Mrs. Houchin's Medicine Lodge and Barber county friends who have known them so long and so well.

Died of Consumption

Guy J. Hoovler died at the home of his brother, Roy E. Hoovler, in this city last Thursday at 12:45 p. m., of consumption. The deceased and his wife had just arrived from Pennsylvania Thursday morning. They came hoping that the climate here would restore him to health, but the long trip exhausted his strength and he could not rally.

The funeral was held at the Hoovler residence at 3 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, conducted by Rev. W. T. VanHorn, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the remains interred in Highland cemetery.

The deceased was born at Fairbury, Nebraska, and was 26 years, 2 months and 18 days of age. His only surviving relatives are his brother, R. E. Hoovler, of this city and an aunt residing in St. Joe, Missouri.

Mr. Hoovler visited here about three years ago. His health was not good then but the climate had a wholesome effect and had it been possible for him to have taken up his residence here at that time his life would doubtless have been prolonged many years.

Leg Broken

Wm. Hand, one of the men working on Sidebottom & Cavin's merry-go-round from Sharon which started to do business in this city, had the misfortune to have his leg broken, a short distance above the knee, during Saturday night's run. He attempted to go under the merry-go-round when it was in motion, for the purpose of removing the organ box that was standing inside the swing, and was caught by the pulley shaft which operates the organ. Notwithstanding that the accident was discovered the instant it happened, he was dragged at least one-fourth of the circuit before the machine could be stopped and it was fortunate that he did not lose his life.

Mr. Hand was taken to Mrs. Morris's boarding house and Dr. Coleman was called to set the broken limb, and the merry-go-round went merrily on.

Merry-Go-Round All Week

Sidebottom & Cavin arrived from Sharon with their merry-go-round Saturday and have been doing a good business every evening since, Sunday excepted. It will be here all this week and run every evening. On Saturday afternoon it will begin running at 2 o'clock and continue until the usual stopping time at night.

Concert at Lake City

The concert which is billed for Lake City, April 30th promises to be one of the best ever given at that place. The program not only has a good variety but each number will be rendered in such a way as to give no one the "fidgets." Admission 25 cents.

John C. George and Grace M. Martin, of Hazelton, Kansas, were united in marriage by Probate Judge Garrison at his office in this city last Thursday afternoon, April 14th. Both are well and favorably known in Hazelton and Cedar townships and The Index counts it a privilege as well as a pleasure to join with their numerous friends in complimenting them and extending good wishes.

Have you seen the Passion Play? The opportunity will be given you Thursday night of this week at the Christian church.

Judge Gillett Will be Renominated

Last week's Kingman Leader-Courier says:

"Judge Gillett has a day or so off this week and is arranging to send out his nomination papers for the approaching primary. There are four counties in this district with about a hundred townships and wards to be considered which means quite a little undertaking. He will probably have no opposition at the republican primary. So far the probable democratic candidate is not in sight. Four years ago Judge Gillett went in single harness, which was a great compliment. The near future must reveal his opponent as June 24th is the last date for primary nominations."

So far as surface indications go the situation with regard to the judicial race in this district is about the same as it was four years ago. The district is normally republican 750 strong and no democrat has been discovered who wants to go up against such a proposition. Another thing that seems to operate in Judge Gillett's favor is that during his services on the bench he has not been partisan and so far as our knowledge goes, had little to do with politics. He has served on the bench of this district nearly twelve years, or three terms, and if elected again, it will be the fourth time. There was a time when it was almost impossible for a man in any party to be elected to any office a third or fourth time, but now it is quite common. Republican and democrats alike in most of the counties of the state are and have been candidates for the third, fourth and fifth times and about as many succeed as fail. This is particularly true of the offices of district and probate judge and county superintendent, and Barber county has furnished her full share on both sides of the political fence.

Speaking frankly, we do not see wherein the democracy or the public could gain anything by producing an opposition candidate to Judge Gillett.

Doing Their Part

Since moving from their farm to the city, G. A. Bucklin and wife have done more than their part toward building up the city. They have purchased and improved two properties, built three new ones and have a number of lots more on which to build. While there is no fortune to be made in building houses in a small town, it yields good interest on the investment, and at the same time builds up the town which is the important consideration from a public point of view. Some of these properties have been sold and the others are being rented. Two of them are now vacant but will probably not be vacant long for houses are in great demand.

The last house built by Mr. and Mrs. Bucklin is probably the nicest of its size in the city. It is located on north Main street, just a comfortable distance from the business part of town and substantial in all respects. It is 26x28, with four rooms and a large closet and is the kind of a house adapted to the ordinary family.

If they succeed in selling one or more of their properties, Mr. and Mrs. Bucklin will very likely continue to build. The improvement spirit is a good habit and we would like to see a number follow the example of Mr. and Mrs. Bucklin.

Will Deliver Memorial Address

Major Levi Ferguson of Wellington will deliver the Memorial address on Decoration Day in this city May 30th. Major Ferguson is himself an old soldier and an orator of interstate reputation. He was secured through the efforts of V. C. Sleeper of this city. He and Mr. Sleeper are old friends, having been neighbors in Wellington for several years.

Major Ferguson is a Past Grand Master Odd Fellow of the state of Kansas as well as one of the leading members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Choral Society Concert

The Medicine Lodge Choral Society will give a concert at the opera house in this city Thursday evening, May 12th. The program will consist of choruses, solos and duets and music by the orchestra.

Presbyterian Church

The pastor will attend the spring meeting of the Larned Presbytery during this week which will be held at Larned.

The usual mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening. W. H. Benefiel will lead, who will, by appointment, propose special objects for prayer. Mrs. J. M. Hall will furnish a current religious news item. The subject for scripture quotation will be a verse of scripture containing the word "twelve." Will not the membership make a special effort to attend this service in the absence of the pastor?

The Ladies Aid will hold its regular semi-weekly meeting with Mrs. Lindley Thursday afternoon.

The choir will hold its practice at the usual time and place.

The usual services will be held next Sunday. Subject for morning sermon, "A Voice from Mount Sinai." Evening, "The Gospel of Temperance." These may be back-neglected subjects but very vital to the welfare of every community. The pastor is making special preparation for these services and invites the public to attend.

On the eve of the departure of the pastor to attend the Presbytery seems a fitting time to state some of the facts and figures about the work of the church during the past Ecclesiastical year. There has been a net gain in the membership of eleven, notwithstanding the fact that the church was without a pastor during seven months of the year. The Sunday school is larger and the interest greater than it has been for years. We have a corps of teachers, which for devotion to and enthusiasm for their work, the pastor has never seen surpassed. The interest is in a healthy state of growth and will unquestionably continue so. The amount raised for benevolent enterprises of the church is a tribute, with some to spare, over that raised last year. The money raised by the Ladies Aid during the year reached the splendid total of \$443.05, the most of which was raised by pure benevolence. The amount raised by the congregation was \$1466, no mean amount to be raised by so small a church in five months. The church is rightfully facing the new year with hope.

W. T. VANHORN, Pastor.

Methodist Church

You are invited to the service tonight at 8 o'clock. We begin the study of the Mountain Teachings of Jesus. Bring your bibles and some one with you.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Luallen on Thursday afternoon.

The home missionary study class met last week with Mrs. Ethel Best. This first meeting was well attended and there was splendid interest shown in the work.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Let us have a large attendance of the membership of the church. The baptism of children will be observed for all parents who may so desire. In the evening the district superintendent, Rev. Yetter, will preach.

The quarterly conference will be held next Monday at 8:30.

The district conference opens at Conway Springs on next Monday evening.

There will be a business meeting of the Epworth League next Monday night for the election of officers and other important matters. We hope all the young people will be present.

Let us have a good attendance at all of the services next Sunday. F. W. IMBODEN, Pastor.

Cane Seed

A. S. Coles, proprietor of the feed and alfalfa mill, can supply everybody with good, pure cane seed.

Baptist Church Notes

The attendance at Bible school last Sunday was large. We are certainly pleased with the continued interest in this department of the work.

Our "leaderless" meeting in the young people's society was a decided success. Any of our young people not present at this service missed a blessing.

There will be regular services Lord's day at usual hours. The public is cordially invited.

Death After Lingular Illness

Frank Tinchier died at his home at Sharon, Kansas, at 9 o'clock, a. m., Friday, April 15, 1910, after an affliction of four years with lung trouble. During his indisposition he sought relief in three different states—Colorado, New Mexico and Alabama—and while he was temporarily benefited, the disease was so firmly rooted that neither medical skill nor climatic variations could eradicate it. He was bedfast during the greater portion of the late winter and early spring.

The funeral was held at his home on Saturday, conducted by Elder S. E. Hendrickson, pastor of the Christian church of Sharon, and the remains laid to rest in the Sharon cemetery.

Frank Tinchier was born in Missouri, January 16, 1881; died at Sharon, Kansas, April 15, 1910, aged 29 years, 2 months and 29 days. He came to Sharon with his parents in his boyhood and was married to Myrtle Gibbs, June 24, 1906, who, with a daughter 4 years old, survives him. He is also survived by his parents, A. T. Tinchier and wife, a brother, J. N. Tinchier of this city, and four sisters, Alpha Cushman, Abbie Neal, Effie Mitchell and Clara Tinchier.

Frank made a brave fight against long odds and had remarkable courage. He was an exemplary young man and his taking away so early in life is indeed sad.

The bereaved wife, parents, sisters and brother have the sympathy of their numberless friends.

Death Enters Home of J. K. Wilson

The friends of J. K. Wilson, son of S. P. Wilson and wife of this city, were pained beyond measure to hear last Friday night that his wife had passed away at Medford, Oklahoma at six o'clock that evening. The cause of death was pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married only about a year ago. In her death a child only a month old is left motherless and the young husband and father is overshadowed with a grief unspeakable.

Mrs. Wilson was a former Texas lady. She was never here but her husband's folks had visited her frequently since they were married and loved her for her countless womanly attainments. Her death is a grievous shock to them.

Mrs. Wilson of this city was with her during her sickness. Mr. Wilson left for Medford immediately after hearing of his daughter-in-law's death.

Will Address A. H. T. A.

Prof. C. A. Dykstra of the State University will address an open meeting of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association at Forest City on Friday evening, April 29th. His subject will be "Good Government." Prof. Dykstra has a reputation as a speaker that is more than statewide and his lectures specialize along the line of suppression of crime. It is a certainty that the people who attend this lecture will enjoy it.

Christian Church

Regular services next Lord's Day.

Our Bible school is climbing. Everybody push! 9:45 a. m., every Sunday.

Next Sunday morning subject: "Some Lessons from life of Andrew."

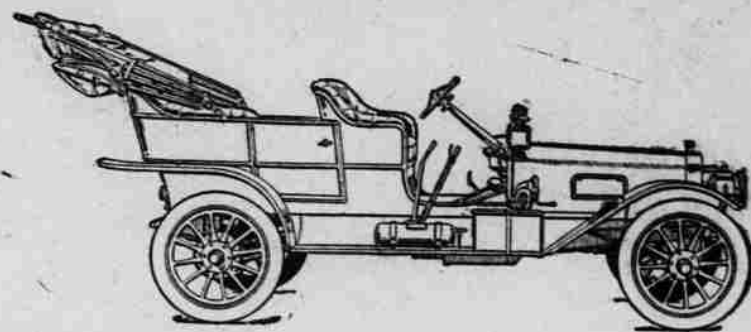
The Endeavor society meets at 7 p. m.; Susie Kidd, leader. The minister will preach a special sermon to the young people of Medicine Lodge next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Subject, "An Old Love Story."

All are made welcome to our services.

Bishop M. Hopkins, Pastor.

Hon. H. C. Walker, first citizen of Kling, was mixing among his Medicine Lodge friends on Monday. He made the trip under embarrassing circumstances. He fell from a hand-car one day last week, and bruised his ankle which required the services of a physician. When pressed for an explanation as to why he was riding on a hand-car, or what his condition was at the time, he closed up like a stand-pat politician and had nothing to say. The young man, according to reports received from Kling, is becoming entirely too gay.

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C. N. Marshall

Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

Agoga Notes

A number of the boys were out last Thursday evening and enjoyed themselves. After the business was attended to Mr. Cavin and Harry Painter served refreshments and we are safe in congratulating them in the name of the class, on their ability as cooks.

Quite a number was out Sunday morning and an interesting lesson was reported.

Through a mistake in filling the order for buttons a large part of the order had to be returned but we are looking for the correct shipment of the remainder in a few days.

It is quite possible that the more members there are present the more interesting the lesson. For this reason we want more members, and others as well, to attend.

Everybody welcome. Don't forget the hour, 9:45 a. m.

GUY GREENE, Reporter.

Try Cementide to beautify as well as make your walls damp proof. Dwight Mills has a nice variety of colors in these paints.

G. F. Guthrie and F. J. Wadsworth made a trip to Meade county last week, returning Saturday. Mr. Guthrie is interesting himself in Meade county land and will probably invest.

The joke seems to be on "Stand-patters" Tinchier and Axline. Recently J. C. Gano was out in Hamilton county on insurance business, and on his return Messrs. Tinchier and Axline made haste to get a statement from him on the political situation. Now Jerry has "insurgent" leanings and, of course, his interrogators expected him to say everybody out there was for Stubbs, but he didn't. Instead, he surprised them by replying, "Oh, everybody with whom I talked politics is for Wagstaff," and a few hours later Jerry was quoted in the fountainhead of Barber county standpatism—the Medicine Lodge Cresset. When the hook and cork were safely swallowed, Jerry explained that the only persons with whom he talked were two well known old-line "machine" men, and Wagstaff stock immediately dropped back to frigid temperature. This is what we call carrying the victim up a flight of stairs only to toss him out of the window.

P. S.: Since returning home, Mr. Gano has also found two Wagstaff men in Barber county. He did not mention names but we suspect they are L. M. and J. N.

J. Harry Gay

will be at the Grand Hotel, May 6th, 7th and 8th; at Lake City May 9th; at Sharon May 10th.

BRING YOUR EYES.

Oh, yes! Isabel the 5th, from 1 to 5 p. m.

The Kiowa News-Review is leading the republican hosts in Barber county this year. It is the only republican newspaper in the county that is in the confidence of the different republican aspirants. Last week it announced that Samuel Griffin and G. M. Martin will be candidates for the offices of representative and county attorney respectively. The News Review took a fall-out with Representative Griffin two years ago but the sore spots have healed and all is lovely again.

Our High School base ball boys are having hard luck in the way of matching this spring—or, rather, in not playing the games after they have been matched. The last one to be called off was the one advertised to be played at Kiowa, last Friday. At the last minute in the eleventh hour the Kiowa boys got "cold feet" and phoned our boys that the game was off. One car had already started for Kiowa but it was intercepted by telephone before it got very far. The reason assigned for cancelling the game was the chilly weather, but it was mostly imagination. The real reason was that the Lepus Sylvaticus was burrowing at the northern apex of the Kiowa manager's spine.

The assessors of the various townships should use all possible care in making their enumeration in connection with their other work. Two townships have already made returns showing a decrease in population, and in going over the property statements, some of the county officers discovered that many of the people who were assessed do not appear in the enumeration. For state and county purposes the enumeration made by the assessors is used, hence it is of the utmost importance that it should be correct. A number of assessors do not list non-assessable people in the enumeration at all, which is another mistake on their part. The local authorities have no access to the government census and if the township enumerators do not list all residents, the county does not get credit for its entire population. There is no question but that Barber county's population is over 10,000 and this year's enumeration ought to show it.